

REMARKS

The present amendment, Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are in response to the Notice of Allowance dated October 5, 2005. Applicants thank the Examiner for this allowance.

Claims 55-80 and 83-91 are active in the present application. Claims 1-54, 81 and 82 have been canceled. Claims 55, 60, 65 and 79 has been currently amended, and new Claims 85-91 have been added. Support for the amended claim and new claims can be found throughout the specification, and in the original claims. Claim 65 was amended to correct a typographical error. Support for amended Claims 55 and 60 can be found in paragraphs [33] and [70] of the specification. Claim 55 was amended in view of WO 95/05419 (see Sample E-2, pages 12 and 13 of this reference). Support for amended Claim 79 and new Claims 88 and 89 can be found in paragraphs [86] to [93] of the specification. Support for new Claim 85 can be found in paragraphs [12], [18], [22] and [47]-[57] of the specification. Support for new Claim 86 can be found in paragraphs [32] and [70] of the specification. Support for new Claim 87 can be found in paragraph [28] of the specification. Support for new Claim 90 can be found in paragraphs [11], [86] and [148], and from knowledge known in the art. Support for new Claim 91 can be found in paragraphs [60] to [68]. No new matter is believed to have been introduced by the amended and new claims.

As discussed above, Applicants have filed, herewith, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). Applicants request that the Examiner acknowledge the references cited in the IDS, by returning to Applicants' undersigned representative, a signed, initialed and dated copy of the corresponding PTO/SB/08 form.

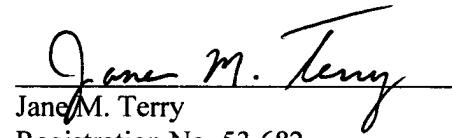
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Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is now in condition for allowance, and request early notice of such action.

If the Examiner has further questions, or believes further issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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